



#9 Kasey Kahne (10th in Sprint Cup Points), continued: (re: mood of your team considering the cuts at RPM this week) It's just back to the track for the #9 guys, same thing they've done all year. When anything out of the ordinary happens, they show up as the same group of guys and they work hard and do everything they can to give me the best car they can give me. I do the same. On our side, we can only as a team – as a driver and as a crew chief, Kenny Francis – we can only do the things that can benefit us and help us. We stay focused on trying to do what we enjoy doing – that's how our whole team has been so far this weekend so it's nice to have a group of guys like that. As far as next year (going to Roush Yates Racing), testing and how all that pans out, I don't know. I know we're going to try to win races and do everything possible to win, but as of right now that deal's not done, so to me there is still a lot of unknowns. For me to go over there – and I doubt they want me over there and I don't know if I should be going over there – I don't drive for them yet, so I don't know how all that is going to work. I know it's not done and I know I'm going to have the same team and all that I can ask for is sticking with Kenny Francis. (re: next week in Miami) I've always liked Homestead-Miami. That's where I won my first Nationwide race. We've run well there in the (Sprint) Cup car every year. We seem to qualify pretty good there; it's a different track for banking. You go into turn one and it's real flat and then you hit the banking where it's already started turning. It's kind of similar in (turn) three then off of (turn) four it flattens out before you get to the exit of the corner, so it's different. The car changes a lot but it's a pretty good track. I like racing there. I like trying to close the year out strong and we've been able to do that a couple times there. I made a couple mistakes a couple times, but hopefully this year we'll close out strong and finish top-10 in points.”

#99 Carl Edwards (11th in Sprint Cup points) “Phoenix is a blast. The first pavement race I ran was here. I got to watch the Silver Crown race last night. Josh Wise and Cameron Dodson did really good jobs, but our cars over there just didn't have any luck. It was frustrating, but I really like racing here. I am excited to come back. In the Nationwide car, we had a really good run here in the Spring. We had a little bit of engine trouble (in the Spring), but our car this weekend seems to be pretty fast. And we are really pretty good in the Cup car, too. We didn't show it on the (timing) sheet because we were a little bit free, but I think once we get going with qualifying we'll have a good shot at getting a pretty good starting spot. (On beating the Hendrick cars here at Phoenix) We were watching both the #48 (Jimmie Johnson) and the #5 (Mark Martin) and they were both in qualifying trim and (my crew chief) Bob (Osborne) and I watched close to see how we stacked up against them. They are good, obviously, but that's all you can do in practice is to watch the guys you think are going to be the best and compare yourself to them and that's how you see where you stand. (On running the entire Nationwide and Cup series and if it makes you the favorite to do well in the Nationwide series) You never know. You look at the way Mike Bliss is running right now and what Jason Leffler has been able to do on and off this season. I mean there is no telling what can happen, and that's what's really fun about that (Nationwide) series. You get to race against new people and different people that are gaining experience. So, I hope we're the favorites, but I've learned that you can't lean on much over there. You have to stay up on the game and that's why we're making the changes we're making now, trying to be the best that we can for next year. (Looking ahead to Homestead) Hopefully we can get a win. We have two races to win (our first) one this season and I'd sure like to go into the winter with a win. That track (Homestead Miami Speedway) has been great for us and our Fords run great there. We had a really fun media day there about a month ago. We'll just go there and build off of what did at Texas and Charlotte. (Teammate) Matt (Kenseth) ran really well at both those races and I felt like we were really good until we got caught up in that wreck there at Texas. So, hopefully, we can apply that and have a good shot at it.